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Election of two members of the International Narcotics Control Board under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

Election of two members of the International Narcotics Control Board from among candidates nominated by the World Health Organization

1. The present note contains information on candidates nominated by the World Health Organization (WHO). Information on candidates nominated by Governments is contained in document E/2001/L.2/Add.2.

2. In accordance with established procedure, the Secretary-General invited the Director-General of WHO to propose candidates with a view to filling the posts that would become vacant on 1 March 2002 on the expiration of the term of office of the members of the International Narcotics Control Board who had originally been nominated by WHO in 1995 and elected by the Economic and Social Council in 1996. The posts are currently occupied by Ms. Nelia Cortés-Maramba (Philippines) and Mr. Hamid A. Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran).

3. The Secretariat received a communication from the Director-General of WHO, dated 10 October 2000, in which, in accordance with the provisions of article 10, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,[1] as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[2] the Director-General nominated the following candidates for election to the International Narcotics Control Board:

Usoa E. **Busto** (Canada/Chile)

Elisaldo **Carlini** (Brazil)

Nelia **Cortés-Maramba** (Philippines)

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Hamid A. **Ghodse** (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Inayat **Khan** (Pakistan)

The biographical information of these five candidates is contained in the annex below.

4. The Council's attention is also drawn to the fact that annexes II-V to document E/2001/L.2/Add.2 contain information on, respectively, meetings of the Board in 1999, payments to members and present membership; the texts of articles 9 (Composition and functions of the Board) and 10 (Terms of office and remuneration of members of the Board) of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol; information on qualifications and other conditions of membership in the Board; and a list of the States parties to the 1961 Single Convention, the 1972 Protocol amending that Convention, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971[3] and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.[4]

Notes

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

[2] Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

[3] Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

[4] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.XI.6.

Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the International Narcotics Control Board

Usoa E. Busto (Canada/Chile)

Date of birth: 1946

Education: Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in mathematics (1968); Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), University of Chile (1973).

Present post: Senior Scientist, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy, and Departments of Psychiatry and Pharmacology, University of Toronto.

Previous posts: Head of Pharmacy, Addiction Research Foundation.

Publications: Several in the area of benzodiazepines and oral opioid use, abuse, dependence and behavioural toxicity of these drugs. Has also worked on the influence of different risk factors (kinetics, availability, genetics, and co-morbidity with mental disorders) that influence substance use disorder.

Honours: Mitchell B. Balter Award for outstanding contribution to pharmacoepidemiology on the influence of availability on benzodiazepine dependence, United States of America (1996); Clinical Pharmacology Award from the Canadian Society for Clinical Pharmacology for her work on benzodiazepine withdrawal (1987); member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Committee for the Eighth Review on the Convention on Psychotropic Substances in 1983 and Chairperson, WHO/Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/Drug Enforcement Administration meeting on the Development of Strategies and Procedures for the Pre-review of Psychoactive Substances, Washington, D.C. (1987); consultant on several occasions for the Pan American World Organization; member, Expert Advisory Panel on Clinical Toxicology/Substance Abuse for the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (since 1995).

Meetings attended: Several meetings on drug dependence, clinical pharmacology, substance abuse, and pharmaceutical education; has also frequently been invited to present her work at conferences in many countries (for example, Brazil, Chile, Spain and Venezuela).

Elisaldo Carlini (Brazil)

Date of birth: 1930

Education: Master of Science in pharmacology, Doctor of Medicine.

Present post: Director, Brazilian Centre for Information on Psychotropic Drugs; Director, System of Psychopharmacovigilance.

Previous posts: President, Latin American Society of Psychobiology (1971-1973); Member, Conselho Nacional de Entorpecentes (Federal Council of Entorpecentes) (1974-1996); Founder and elected President of the Brazilian Society of Psychobiology (1979-1984); and of the Brazilian Society of Surveillance of

Medicaments (1991-1993); National Secretary, nominated by the President of Brazil, National Sanitary Surveillance, Ministry of Health.

Publications: Has published several papers on, inter alia, the use of solvents and other drugs among homeless and destitute children living in the city streets of São Paulo, Brazil (1988); the use of solvents and other drugs among children and adolescents from a low socio-economic background: a study in São Paulo, Brazil (1988); preliminary findings: consumption of benzodiazepines in Brazil during the years 1988 and 1989 (1993); use of drugs among street children in Brazil (1997); cocaine use: key informant (KY) report from São Paulo, Brazil (2000).

Honours: "Visiting Research Professor" by the Board of Trustees of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, State University of New York (1979); international recognition by WHO for his scientific publications (1979); member emeritus, Department of Biological Psychiatry, Brazilian Association of Psychiatry (1993); "Medical Doctor of the year", Brazilian Chapter of Medical Society of Israel (1993); member emeritus of Federal Council of Entorpecentes (1998); "Gran Cruz" Condecoration Ordem Nacional do Mérito Científico conferred by the President of Brazil (2000).

Membership: member, "Expert Committee on Drug Dependence" of WHO (1986-1996); member, "Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Dependence and Alcohol Problems", WHO (1997-present).

Nelia Cortés-Maramba (Philippines)

Date of birth: 1935

Education: Doctor of Medicine, University of the Philippines; postgraduate residency training in Paediatrics in the Philippines (1960-1961), in the United States of America (1961-1964).

Present post: Professor, Department of Pharmacology, College of Medicine; Clinical Professor of Paediatrics, Philippines General Hospital, University of the Philippines; Head, National Poisons Control and Information Service (1991-present); Vice-Chair, National Drug Committee, Department of Health (1988-present); Chair, National Adverse Drug Reaction Advisory Committee, Bureau of Food and Drugs (1996-present); member, WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Dependence (1987-present); President, Philippine Society of Clinical and Occupational Toxicology; Member, International Narcotics Control Board and Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Estimates.

Previous posts: several in the field of research, pharmacology, drug dependence, toxicology and medical curricula of national and international organizations including: Chair, Department of Pharmacology, College of Medicine (1975-1983); member, Advisory Committee on Medical Research, WHO Western Pacific Region (1981-1984); Chair, Committee on Therapeutics (1979-1984) and Philippine Paediatric Society (1978-1985); Chair, Committee on Research Implementation and Development, College of Medicine (1989-1991); Chair, Standing Committee on Estimates, and Second Vice-President, International Narcotics Control Board (1999).

Publications: author of 54 published works in journals, books, proceedings of international workshops and monographs, including "Beta blocker therapy",

"Sotalol in Oriental hypertensive patients" (1989), chapter on paediatric therapeutics, *Textbook of Paediatrics* (1982, 1989, 1999); "Algorithms of common poisonings" (1991, 1998), "Standard treatment guidelines for occupational poisoning", Manila (1998).

Honours: Several, in the fields of teaching, research and service (since 1974); included in the book *One Hundred Women of the Philippines* (1999); Most Outstanding Teacher in Manila (1999); Special Award in Paediatric Pharmacology, Toxicology and Medicinal Plants, Philippines Paediatric Society (1999); Outstanding Health Research Award 1998 for the "National Poison Control and Information Service Network Project", Philippine Council for Health Research and Development of Science and Technology (1998); Lingkod Bayan Award presented by President Corazon Aquino and the Civil Service Commission (1988).

Meetings attended: attended 58 international meetings (1968-2000) dealing with, inter alia, toxicology, drug dependence, medicinal plants, reproduction and drug research and pharmacology.

Hamid A. Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Date of birth: 1938

Education: Doctor of Medicine, Islamic Republic of Iran (1965); Doctor of Preventive Medicine (DPM), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1974); Ph.D. in addictions, University of London (1976); Medical Research Council, Psychiatry (MRCPsych), United Kingdom (1980); Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (FRCPsych), United Kingdom (1985); Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP), London (1992); Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (FRCPE), Edinburgh (1997); Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine (FFPHM), United Kingdom (1997).

Present post: Professor and Chairman, Psychiatry of Addictive Behaviours, St. George's Hospital Medical School, University of London; Honorary Consultant in Public Health, Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth Health Authority, London; Director, Addiction Resource Agency for Commissioners, London and South East Regions, United Kingdom; Clinical Director, South West London and St. George's Mental Health Trust, London; President, European Collaborating Centres for Addiction Studies; Adviser, Joint Formulary Committee, British National Formulary; member, World Health Organization Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Dependence and Alcohol Problems; member, Executive Committee, Substance Misuse Faculty, Royal College of Psychiatrists, United Kingdom; member, International Narcotics Control Board (since 1992) and President (1993-1995, 1997-1999 and 2000).

Previous posts: Physician, Acting Director, Health Corps, West Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran (1965-1967); Research Fellow, Research Psychiatrist and Lecturer, Morgannwg Hospital, South Wales, St. Bartholomew's Medical School and Addiction Research Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, University of London (1968-1978); Consultant Psychiatrist, St. George's and St. Thomas' Hospitals, London; senior lecturer and Head of Division of Addictive Behaviour, Mental Health Services, St. George's Hospital Medical School, London (1978-1987).

Publications: author of over 250 papers and several books on substance misuse and addictive behaviour including *Improving the Use of Psychoactive Drugs: Educating*

the Professionals, WHO publication (translated into 8 languages) (1988); *Drug Misuse and Dependence: The British and Dutch response*, Parthenon Publishing (1990); *Use of Public Health Indicators of the Extent and Nature of Drug Problems During the 1970s and 1980s*, Oxford University Press (1994); *Addictive behaviour: A Guide to Treatment* (1995); *Misuse of Drugs: The Criminal Law Library* (1996); *The Criminal Justice System and the Treatment of Drug Misuse: Global Drugs Law* (1997); "International policies on addiction: strategy development and cooperation", *British Journal of Psychiatry* (1995); "Mortality of drug addicts in the UK", *International Journal of Epidemiology* (1998); "Evolution of international drug control, 1945-1995", *Bulletin on Narcotics* (1999); "Guiding principles of drug demand reduction: an international response", *British Journal of Psychiatry* (1999); "Hepatitis C: bad news for substance misusers", *Current Opinions in Psychiatry* (2000); Pupillometer and Opioid Addiction Test (patented), selected by United Kingdom Design Council as Millennium Product (2000).

Honours: Fellowship, Royal College of Psychiatrists of the United Kingdom (1985); M. S. McLeod Visiting Professor, Southern Australia Postgraduate Medical Education Association (1990); National Health Service Merit Award; Fellowship, Royal College of Physicians, London (1992); Fellowship, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh (1997); Fellowship, Faculty of Public Health Medicine, United Kingdom (1997); Honorary Professor, Beijing Medical University (1997); honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) (1999).

Meetings attended: member, rapporteur and chairman of various WHO and European Union (EU) Expert Committees, review groups and other working groups on drug dependence; Conference of Ministers of Health on Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs Misuse, London (1986); International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna (1987); World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, London (1990); represented the International Narcotics Control Board at sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1994-1999), the Economic and Social Council (1993-2000), the twenty-ninth and thirty-first sessions of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Trafficking and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East and Central Asia, Teheran (1992) and Amman (1996) and the twentieth special session of the General Assembly (1998); keynote speaker and lecturer at a number of international conferences and seminars on international drug control; addressed Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York and Vienna as well as some national parliaments and the European Parliament on international drug control.

Inayat Khan (Pakistan)

Date of birth: 1929

Education: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (Punjab) and Ph.D. (Edinburgh).

Present post: Retired WHO staff member and Honorary Professor in Pharmacology and Therapeutics at Frontier Medical College, Pakistan. Has worked with United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP)/United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in assessing drug use in the Palestinian population in five geographical areas; with the Swiss police at the Institute of Forensic Psychiatry of Lausanne University in assisting in their

efforts to increase the traffic safety in respect of use of drugs and driving; and WHO and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) assisting Pakistan in promoting rational use of narcotic and psychotropic drugs and other pharmaceuticals. Visited China twice to participate in the celebration of eightieth anniversary of Beijing Medical University and to lecture at four medical institutions.

Previous posts: Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics in various institutions and Director, National Health Laboratories, Islamabad (1952-1970); Medical Officer, Division of Pharmacology and Toxicology (1970-1976); Senior Medical Officer and Chief Medical Officer, responsible for WHO responsibilities under the international drug control treaties (1976-1990).

Publications: Several reports arising out of WHO activities and published in WHO publications, *Bulletin on Narcotics* and other international publications; a number of books including *Psychoactive Drugs: Improving Prescribing Practices* (1988); *Guidelines for the Control of Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances in the Context of International Treaties* (1984); "Primary prevention of substance abuse: plans for schools and colleges in NWF Province of Pakistan", *Substance Misuse Bulletin*, London (1998); "The role of schools of pharmacy and pharmacist in the rational use of psychoactive drugs", *Journal of European Association of the Faculties of Pharmacies* (1999); "The need for developing clinical pharmacological services in Pakistan", *European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* (1998).

Meetings attended: several, including WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, WHO Executive Board and World Health Assembly; Commission on Narcotic Drugs, United Nations General Assembly (1990).